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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, EEC
SUBJECT: EC HOPS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 11373, (B) EC A-172

1. THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HOPS (STANDRING)
ADVISED US THAT EC MINIMUM QUALITY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE
APPLIED TO IMPORTED HOPS AS SCHEDULED BEGINNING AUGUST 1,
1978. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTAB-
LISHING TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPORTS WAS DIS-
CUSSED AT THE JULY 5 MEETING OF THE HOPS MANAGEMENT COM-
MITTEE BUT WAS REJECTED. CONSEQUENTLY, HOPS ENTERING THE
EC AFTER JULY 31, 1978 WITHOUT ATTESTATIONS (DESCRIBED
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IN REF A) WILL BE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY EC CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS. THIS EXAMINATION WILL CONSIST OF:

A. A CHECK ON MOISTURE CONTENT. THIS CHECK WILL BE
CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 3 OF
REGULATION NO. 890/78 (REF B).

B. A CHECK FOR FOREIGN BODY CONTENT. THIS CHECK

WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE 3 OF REGULATION NO. 890/78 (REF B). THE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT THIS MEANT THAT ONLY A VISUAL EXAMINATION WILL BE MADE; IN THE EVENT OF DISPUTE, HOWEVER, THE TECHNICAL EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE REGULATION WILL BE MADE.

2. THE OFFICIAL FELT THAT US HOPS WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY PASSING THE EXAMINATION DESCRIBED ABOVE (ASSUMING A PROCEDURE FOR THE ATTESTATION OF US HOPS IS NOT IN FORCE BY AUGUST 1, 1978) ALTHOUGH THE EXAMINATION PROCESS MIGHT ENTAIL SOME DELAY AT THE BORDER. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT SHIPMENTS OF US NEW CROP HOPS ARE UNLIKELY TO OCCUR BEFORE OCTOBER AT THE EARLIEST AND NO IMPORTS OF OLD CROP US HOPS ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR. THUS, HE FELT THE U.S. STILL HAS CONSIDERABLE TIME TO SET UP THE ATTESTATION PROCEDURE.

3. MISSION OFFICER ASKED STANDRING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF U.S. WERE TO SUBMIT LETTER ALONG THE LINES REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION (REF A) IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO HOLD AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE HOP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO SECURE APPROVAL OF US ATTESTATIONS. HE FELT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN GETTING SUCH APPROVAL, NOTING THAT BOB EATON OF THE HAC HAD ALREADY SENT SOME OF THE QUALITY CERTIFICATES CURRENTLY USED IN THE US HOPS TRADE TO THE COMMISSION AND THAT THESE HAD MADE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION. HOWEVER, HE ADMITTED THAT, BECAUSE OF SUMMER VACATIONS, IT MIGHT NOT BE POS-
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SIBLE TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER. HINTON

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